

Herald Carries Advertising For Largest County Tax Sale On Record

The Torrance Herald is one of 75 community newspapers selected by the County Tax Collector to advertise parcels for sale at the coming Tax Sale No. A, scheduled to begin Monday, Aug. 11, 1947.

In excess of 5,000 parcels, embracing town lots, and more than 700 parcels of acreage—10 to 640 acres each—are to be offered at the sale which will be conducted by Deputy Frank B. Murphy in the Hall of Justice, at Temple and Broadway.

The sale will be the largest ever held in the county. In announcing the coming event, Murphy pointed out that the opening bid price on each parcel has been reduced to the amount of its assessed valuation, with a minimum opening bid of \$10 instead of a minimum of \$50 as in past sales.

He points out that through sales and redemptions, the Tax "SIT TIGHT"—BOWRON ADVISES HARBOR CITY TENANTS

"Sit tight," was the advice issued tenants today by Mayor Fletcher Bowron's Emergency Housing committee.

Louis M. Dreves, committee chairman, said tenants are being unduly alarmed by landlords unfamiliar with new eviction procedure.

Dreves said evictions are not legal unless approved by court action and notices from landlords are not to be considered final. Eviction, he said, can only be made for non-payment of rent, damages to premises, immoral or illegal use of the premises, creation of a nuisance, owner occupancy or safe contracted in writing by which the buyer will occupy.

Collector's office during the past three years has been successful in reducing the total number of parcels in the county which have been deeded to the state for non-payment of taxes from August 1939 to date, from 95,616 to 47,537.

Auction sale receipts have been almost \$5,000,000, Murphy states. He estimates that 15,000 parcels currently deeded to the state are not eligible for sale at this time due to the fact that 6,000 of them have been put back onto the tax rolls under the five-year installment payment plan, and 9,000 are being withheld from sale due to the operations of the State Moratorium Law which forbids the offering at public auction of those unredeemed properties which have been deeded to the state since June 1943.

The first publication of properties offered in this area will be made July 17.

Juvenile Riders To Compete In P. V. Horse Show

Juvenile equestrians from all parts of Southern California will compete in the fifth annual children's amateur open horse show in Palos Verdes Estates Saturday, July 19, Chilton C. Moore, chairman of the event, announced recently. More than 45 entries have already been registered for the group between the ages of 6 and 16 years, but thus far only two for the graduate class, aged 17 and 18 years.

Events will include jumping, horsemanship, western stock, and advanced horsemanship classifications. Five awards of cups and ribbons will be made in each class.

Carelessness Is Called Greatest Cause Of Fires

A statement issued by Torrance Fire Chief John McMaster this week warned all citizens of the extreme fire hazards this season in the forest, brush and grain areas.

A letter to the chief from the State Fire Marshal Joe R. Yockers stated that State officials are deeply concerned over these hazards.

In this regard, Governor Earl Warren has appointed the heads of three state departments, the director of natural resources, General W. T. Hannum; the director of the department of motor vehicles, Edgar D. Lampton, and the state fire marshal to act on a special Fire Prevention committee.

McMaster stated that at least two-thirds of the fires in Torrance are caused by careless burning of debris and grass, and careless smokers, with many fires started by smokers throwing lighted cigarettes from cars on the highway.

A number of fires have been started by small children playing with matches, the chief said. McMaster also advised citizens to have approved incinerators set up on their property. Incinerators are to be not less than 10 feet from any wooden structure.

The fire chief also warned persons not to set up the incinerators in alleys, as the owners may be liable for any damage caused by burning trash to a neighbors property.

A few rules as stated by Chief McMaster are: don't smoke in restricted locations; remove any dry weeds and grass from nearby buildings and fences; and destroy oily rags.

"Remember," said the fire chief, "most fires are caused by 'CARELESSNESS!'"

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VOTE 'YES' JULY 22



**SAVED --
\$161,000**

**Needed --
\$150,000**

THE COST TO YOU -- ZERO! The Benefit to Your Children - 100%

- On next Tuesday, July 22, the Torrance City Board of Education is asking you, for the benefits of the children of Torrance, to approve a one-year increase in the tax limit for elementary schools from 90 cents per \$100 assessed valuation to \$1.40 per \$100.
- This will add to the tax of a property assessed at \$1,000 only \$5.00, for one year, less than one and one-third cents a day. This amount is necessary because Torrance will be short approximately \$180,000 of meeting the budget for your schools this year, as Los Angeles gets the State School Support for Torrance this year.
- However, your Board of Education has saved you \$161,000 by quick action in stopping the removal of 11 bungalows by Los Angeles from Torrance, each costing \$10,000, and by stopping the sale of real estate valued at \$51,000, through court lawsuits.
- Had not your Board of Education been alert to the needs of your school children, in stopping the removal of these buildings and in stopping the sale of this real estate, the cost to you would have been \$161,000 or more than \$5.00 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, because the bungalows are needed for your children and of necessity would have had to have been replaced.
- The Torrance City Board of Education, faced with a budget to care for 2000 elementary school children of Torrance during the coming school year, is asking you to put back into the school district funds only to the amount which has been saved of \$5.00 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.
- In other words, the cost to you, Mr. Taxpayer is "ZERO."
- The benefits to the school children of Torrance, 100 Percent.
- Go to the Polls on Tuesday, July 22, and Vote "YES" on the Proposal to Increase the Elementary School Tax for One Year.
- In addition to saving the taxpayers the 11 bungalows and real estate valued at \$161,000, the timely withdrawal of Torrance from Los Angeles school system is resulting in the saving of some \$1,500,000 which would have been "saddled" on Torrance taxpayers in the recent \$75,000,000 Los Angeles school bond election. Torrance City Board of Education is asking only 10 percent of this amount. Where it might have cost \$50 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, they want to add only \$5 to the tax bill of a home assessed at \$1,000.

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